

In the Claims

The following is an amendment to and a complete listing of the claims which replaces all prior listings of claims in this application.

1. (Currently amended) A holder for microtitreplate (12) or an array of separate test tubes, comprising: ~~characterised in that it comprises~~

a first panel (1) provided with a recess (2) for receiving each well (3) of the microtitreplate (12) or test tubes and at least one protrusion (13) to secure a gap (6) between the wells (3) and the recesses (2); and

a second panel (7), which together with the first panel (1) and three side walls (5) form an inner space (8), wherein the fourth side (9) includes ~~comprises~~ an inlet (10) for gas or liquid, whereby the gas or liquid entering the inner space (8) via the inlet (10) leaves the inner space (8) via said recesses (2), along the outside of the wells (3).

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2 - 6. (Cancelled)

7. (New) A holder for microtitreplate (12) or an array of separate test tubes, comprising:

a first panel (1) provided with a recess (2) for receiving each well (3) of the microtitreplate (12) or test tubes;

a second panel (7), which together with the first panel (1) and three side walls (5) form an inner space (8), wherein the fourth side (9) includes an inlet (10) for gas or liquid, whereby the gas or liquid entering the inner space (8) via the inlet (10) leaves the inner space (8) via said recesses (2), along the outside of the wells (3); and

at least one baffle (11) provided in front of the wells (3) positioned closest to the inlet (10) for gas or liquid.